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House Bill No.HJR0048
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Rosemary Moxley
Bigham.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly learned of the death of Rosemary Moxley Bigham; and

WHEREAS, she was a distinguished citizen of the state of Tennessee who was immensely dedicated to her profession, community and family; and

WHEREAS, born on February 22, 1928, the daughter of Herbert Moxley, Sr., and the late Afreda Atkins Moxley, Ms. Bigham's earlier years were spent in Martin, Tennessee with her grandparents; and

WHEREAS, in 1938 Ms. Bigham moved to Cincinnati, and upon receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education from Ohio State University, she returned to West Tennessee to begin her storied 25-year teaching career; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bigham's first position was as an eighth grade teacher at Woodland Mills School; in the 1960's she moved to Central School, known today as Union City Middle School, where she was widely respected and admired by teachers and students alike; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, Ms. Bigham became a field representative for the Tennessee Education Association, serving with acumen in that position until her retirement; and

WHEREAS, despite the demands placed upon her, Ms. Bigham still found time to lend her many talents to civic, social and political affiliations, including her membership in the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; the Weakley County Democratic Party; the Business and Professional Women's Club; as the first woman and first African-American Foreperson of the Weakley County Grand Jury; the Weakley County Election Commission; and Tennessee Education Association; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bigham was a devout member of the McCabe United Methodist Church, where she was an active member for many years; and

WHEREAS, the legacy Rosemary Bigham leaves behind will be remembered and treasured by her friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, she enjoyed the loving companionship, and was the wife of Mr. Robert Louis Bigham, who predeceased her, was the proud parent of two sons, Martin Alex and Robert Glenn Bigham; two daughters-in-law, Connie and Marie; two lovely granddaughters, Aimee Michelle and Robin Marie Bigham; one grandson, Marcus Scott Martin; a sister, Frances Eiland; and brothers, George Thomas Herbert, Jr., and Clifton Moxley and J.J. Bates; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Ms. Rosemary Moxley Bigham, remembering with admiration her strong character and many selfless contributions to the community in which she lived.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Ms. Bigham.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.